

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
Western Division

Plaintiff

LEON FERGUSON

Judge Reinhard

vs.

CIVIL CASE NO.

08 050 198

FREEDPORT POLICE DEPT,  
OFFICER CURT COPLIN #7325  
CHIEF JERRY WHITMORE, City of  
FREEDPORT AND MAYOR GEORGE GAURAPP  
Defendant

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CLERK, U. S. DISTRICT COURT

COMPLAINT

I WAS ARRESTED FOR CALLING THE POLICE ON SEPT 8, 06  
ABOUT 11:59 PM. DAN BLUETT AND MYSELF LEFT DOWNTOWN  
FREEDPORT AFTER A BLUES CONCERT ON CHICAGO STREET.

WE WALKED SOUTH ON CHICAGO ST TOWARD GALEANA STREET  
I LIVE ACROSS THE STREET ON MAPLE AVE IN THE MIDDLE  
OF THE BLOCK. WE STOPPED AT MR BLUETT'S HOUSE AND  
TALKED ABOUT THE MUSIC WE JUST HEARD DOWNTOWN AND  
REMINISCED ABOUT GROWING UP HERE IN FREEDPORT AND SOME  
OF THE CHANGES WE'VE SEEN, GOOD AND BAD. MR BLUETT  
DECIDED TO PLAY SOME MUSIC LIKE WHAT WE HEARD DOWNTOWN  
WHILE WE SAT OUT BACK OF HIS HOUSE AND TALKED.

WE STARTED TO HEAR A LOT OF LOUD TALKING AND CUSSING,  
IT WAS AROUND 12:30 AM. I THEN HEARD MY DAUGHTER'S  
VOICE, SO WE GOT UP AND WALKED AROUND A TREE IN  
MR BLUETT'S BACK YARD TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON  
WITH MY DAUGHTER, BECAUSE SHE LIVES AT 713 SO.  
CHICAGO TO THE EAST OF MR BLUETT. THERE WERE  
8 GUYS SITTING ON THE PORCH OF A VACANT HOUSE THAT MR  
BLUETT'S BOSS OWNS NEXT DOOR TO MY DAUGHTER'S  
HOUSE

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the Police came. I told Coplien I called them. Officer Coplien walked over to me and snatched a <sup>glass</sup> cup of Sprite out of my hand and poured it on the ground and said what is going on. I told him that those guys across the street are messing with my daughter. Officer Coplien didn't go over and say anything to them, but just went back to his car and left. Mr. Bluth and I turned to walk back over toward the back of his house to talk and listen to some more old time music, when Tyrone Allen (the guy who just got out of prison) and someone else sitting on the porch called my name and told me, you should not have called the cops and we should kick your A-- and beat you to death and F with your daughter.

I called the Police right back and told them I was threaten and to <sup>get</sup> here before something happens. I told Tyrone I just called the Police back. He told the guys with him; let's get in the car. I was then told you are wrong you dirty M.F.

When the Police showed back up the people that threaten me pulled off.

Officer Coplien came over to me and hollered at me like I'm a little kid or a slave and told me, I told you to leave

(STATEMENT COPLIEN MADE  
(WHICH IS A LIE) AND NOW YOU ARE UNDER  
ARREST FOR MAKING A FALSE CALL AND  
WHERE ARE THESE GUYS AT. I TOLD HIM  
THEY JUST DROVE PASS YOU IN THE CAR. YOU SAW  
A MINUTE AGO SITTING IN FRONT OF THAT VACANT  
HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET NEXT TO MY DAUGHTER'S  
HOUSE WHERE YOU SAW THEM SITTING ON THE  
PORCH. I TOLD COPLIEN THOSE GUYS JUST  
THREATEN MY LIFE AND YOU ARE ARRESTING ME FOR  
MAKING A PHONE CALL BACK TO THE POLICE.

OFFICER COPLIEN DIDN'T HAVE SENSE ENOUGH  
TO ASK MR. BLUETH ANYTHING ABOUT BOTH INCIDENTS.

I WAS ON MR. BLUETH'S PROPERTY AND NOT ON  
THE SIDE WALK. OFFICER COPLIEN GRABBED ME AND SNATCHED  
A BOTTLE OF SPRITE OUT OF MY HAND AND THREW IT ON THE  
GROUND. I HAD JUST BOUGHT IT AT THE GAS STATION NEXT DOOR.  
I WENT TO COURT AND IT WAS DISMISSED.

(SEE ATTACHED SHEET)

THERE IS NO COURT RECORDING OF THE TRIAL  
BECAUSE THERE WAS NO COURT RECORDER OR  
ANY ELECTRONIC RECORDING DEVICES BECAUSE  
I ASK FOR A COPY.

I FILED COMPLAINT WITH JUSTICE DEPT, F.B.I  
US ATTORNEY GENERAL AND U.S. CIVIL RIGHT COMMISSION

THE JUDGE ASKED OFFICER COPLIEN DID HE KNOW AND  
RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE GUYS ON THE PORCH NEXT TO MY  
MY DAUGHTER'S HOUSE. HE SAID YES. THE JUDGE THEN  
ASKED OFFICER COPLIEN WERE THEY KNOWN DRUG DEALERS.  
OFFICER COPLIEN SAID YES. THE JUDGE ALSO ASK HIM  
DID SPEAK TO THE GUYS. HE SAID NO.

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I RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE GUYS, AN EXCON WHO JUST GOT OUT OF PRISON ON DRUG CHARGES. I ASKED WHAT IS GOING ON AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE CARING ON LIKE THAT BECAUSE IT IS LATE AND RESPECT ALL THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE AROUND THERE AND TO RESPECT THEMSELVES BECAUSE THEY WERE MAKING A FOOL OUT OF THEMSELVES. I WAS CUSSSED OUT BY THESE GUYS. I TOLD THEM I WOULD CALL THE POLICE. THEY TOLD ME WE DON'T GIVE A F--; CALL THE POLICE, WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THE POLICE, SO I CALLED AND

Geo Pearson

Signature

1127 SO MAPLE AVE

Street Address

FREEPORT, IL 61032

City

State

Zip

815-235-0869

Phone Number

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 PEOPLE  
 VS.  
 PEARSON, CECIL

CITY ATTORNEY

ENTERED	JDG CR	TEXT	CHANGED USER
10/06/2006		**Complaint filed on 9/20/2006	KJJ
		NOTICE	KJJ
10/20/2006	RTH T	Defendant present prose; cause comes on for first appearance; not guilty plea; case is continued for bench trial.	Chg 10/23/2006 SSB
		NOTICE	10/23/2006 SSB
		Bench trial set for 2/08/2007 at 09:00 in courtroom 5.	10/23/2006 SSB
2/01/2007		SUBPOENA ISSUED TO: CHRIS THIEL	KJJ
2/08/2007	JMH T1	Defendant present; City Atty J. Mitchell present; cause comes on for bench trial; court recuses itself; case is continued for bench trial.	2/22/2007 LAB
		Bench trial set for 3/01/2007 at 09:00 in courtroom 1.	2/22/2007 LAB
3/01/2007	MM 5	Defendant present pro se; City by Atty J Mitchell; cause comes on for bench trial; on motion of City case continued, defendant given date in open court.	3/02/2007 PFR
		Bench trial set for 6/21/2007 at 09:00 in courtroom 5.	3/02/2007 PFR
6/21/2007	RTH 5	Defendant present pro se; City by Atty J Mitchell; cause comes on for bench trial; witnesses sworn and testimony given; City's motion to amend complaint to add count 2; disorderly conduct heard and allowed; arguments heard; court finds the defendant not guilty on both counts.	PFR
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## 2. Freeport Police Department

- filed complaint ~~of~~

- Randy

suggested filing civil rights violation

- Blythe

- 9/29/05

- Downtown Freeport, Blue Fest

- Neighbor & Cecil walking home together

- Stopped @ Neighbor's house (Cecil lives 1 block '1/2)

- Drug dealers hanging out @ house next door.

- Cecil's daughter lives next door to drug house

- Cecil tells drug dealers to stop, they threaten his life.

- Cecil calls police,

- Police arrive

- take Cecil's Spidee, throw it down

- cuff 2 on car

- Drug dealer on other side of street, found near up phonebook

- Blythe asked others, said "file false complaint"

- Asked mayor to file complaint, hesitant

- Called DC, filed complaint

- FBI Agent in Rockford, police report sent & investigated by

~~Rockford~~